



## ABOUT TOWN - MARCH 13, 2020 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### KEEPING INFORMED DURING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Town staff continues to monitor and work to stop the spread of COVID-19. Everyone can do their part and protect themselves and neighbors by washing your hands, staying home when sick, avoiding touching your face, covering your mouth when coughing or sneezing and cleaning frequently touched surfaces. We all need to watch out for our neighbors and support each other through these times. By working together, we can slow the spread of the Coronavirus. For more information, go to the Contra Costa Health Services website: [www.coronavirus.cchealth.org](http://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org).



### PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT COVID-19 CLOSURES/CANCELLATIONS

To address the possible spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) the Moraga Parks and Recreation Department is continuously assessing programs, activities, and events based on the most recent recommendations by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) as part of the Center of Disease Control's (CDC) mitigation framework. The Hacienda de las Flores and Town parks remain open. Programs and activities for groups of 50 people or more and activities on the school campuses have been cancelled through March 31, 2020. The Town After School Enrichment Programs (ASEP) are prepared to close should the Moraga School District announces closure. Town ASEP programs will remain closed through the duration of any announced school closures. The Moraga Library remains open, but all library programs have been cancelled through March 31. The Moraga Junior's Egg Hunt scheduled for March 21, 2020 at the Moraga Commons Park has been postponed. The Town will continually monitor scheduled activities for compliance with the changing CDPH recommendations to assist in the mitigation of illness in the community.



### THE 2020 CENSUS MATTERS



*We All Count*

This week, households will begin to receive invitations to participate in the 2020 Census. There are three ways to take the Census – by phone, by mail, or, for the first time ever, online. Census data is used to distribute billions of dollars in Federal and State funding for critical services, including education, health care, public transportation and senior services. Filling out census forms brings those resources back to our community. The Census also determines how many Representatives each state has in Congress, and may result in changes to district boundaries. The form includes nine questions and should take about ten minutes to complete. All of the data collected by the U.S. Census Bureau is confidential and may not be turned over to any other government agency. Remember, the Census Bureau will never ask for social security numbers, bank account or credit card numbers, or for money donations. Stand up and be counted! For more information go to [Contra Costa Census 2020](http://ContraCostaCensus2020).



## MORAGA ROAD CLOSURE MARCH 30 - APRIL 3, 2020

The City of Lafayette has notified the Town that its contractor will be performing street pavement repairs along Moraga Road between Sky Hi Drive/Via Granada (the Moraga Town/Lafayette City limit) and Old Jonas Hill Road between March 30 and April 3, 2020. The work has been scheduled to correspond with Spring Break to minimize disruption. The repairs will require closing the road in both directions between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and traffic will be detoured around this section of Moraga Road. If you live between the limits of the road work, you will need to speak with a traffic controller to be allowed into the closure. Changeable message signs will be placed near the limits of work to warn of the road closure. The City appreciates your patience during this important work. Please be respectful to the traffic controllers and allow extra driving time to detour around the Moraga Road closure. If you have specific questions about the planned work, you may contact Lafayette Engineering at (925) 284-1951. You may also check the City of Lafayette's website for daily updates during project at <https://www.lovelafayette.org/>.



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MARCH 11

### ***MAZE & ASSOCIATES INDEPENDENT AUDITING SERVICES***

Town Council reviewed and accepted the recommendation from the Audit and Finance Committee to award professional auditing services to Maze & Associates for a three-year period with the option to extend services for two subsequent years. The recommended agreement term is for Fiscal Years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 which includes the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Single Audit (a requirement of Federal Grants), Transportation Development Act Program audit and Gann Limit Report. Approximately \$35,000 annually will be budgeted in future years.

### ***PRIVATE DRAINAGE EASEMENT ORDINANCE UPDATE***

The Council approved a Resolution amending the Moraga Municipal Code to clarify the Town's Policy regarding drainage easements. The amended language clarifies that the Town only takes responsibility for easements that have been accepted by the Council. Easements offered to the Town that have not been accepted by the Council remain the responsibility of the property owner. The Town Council also allowed for a process and established an acceptance prioritization by which the Town may accept easements of dedication in the future should funding become available.

### ***2020 RMRA FUNDED PRELIMINARY LIST OF STREETS TO BE PAVED***

Town Council adopted a Resolution approving the preliminary list of 9 streets as part of the 2020 Street Resurfacing project. SB1, the Road Recovery and Repair Act, requires the Town to adopt a list of projects to be funded from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA), using the Fiscal Year 2020/21 SB1 estimated allocation of \$319,924. Engineering staff is currently finalizing the 2020 Street Resurfacing bid documents and work is scheduled to start this summer. Additional information can be found on the Town's [Measure K](#) web site.

### ***ANNUAL GENERAL PLAN REPORT***

Town Council reviewed and accepted the Annual General Plan Implementation Report, allowing it to be forwarded to the State Department of Housing and Community Development and Office of Planning and Research. In accordance with State law and the General Plan (GP), the report provides a narrative summary of the Town's 2019 progress toward implementing the GP's goals and actions, achievement of Housing Element objectives and provides the number of housing units permitted and constructed in Moraga during the 2015 – 2023 Housing Element cycle. In 2019, construction was completed on 19 new residential units, and six permits were issued for new residential units.

### ***CAMINO RICARDO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW***

Town Council considered the annual report for the Camino Ricardo subdivision development agreement prepared by the developer and found that it was in good faith compliance with the terms of the agreement. The developer has continued to work with Town staff to correct deficiencies with the asphalt trail within the park and to finalize a reimbursement agreement related to the construction of the high-visibility crosswalk on Moraga Road.

### **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LIAISON APPOINTMENT**

The Council voted unanimously to appoint Martin Aufhauser to the ACOA for the remainder of the current term and an additional two-year term until September 30, 2022 due to the extended vacancy.

### **PROCLAMATION FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**



Town Council presented a proclamation to Jaime Rich, Environmental Prevention Program Director, of the Center for Human Development, declaring March as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month in Moraga. This proclamation recognizes the magnitude and seriousness of prescription drug abuse issues that affect all communities.

### **PROCLAMATION FOR AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**



Town Council proclaimed March as Red Cross Month. The American Red Cross responds to disasters providing shelter, food, and emotional support to those affected; collects approximately 40% of the nation's blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; and teaches lifesaving skills such as CPR to millions. Briana Taylor, Co-Chair of Red Cross Contra Costa Leadership Council, received the proclamation.



### **MORAGA WAY PAVEMENT REPAIRS TO BE RESCHEDULED**

Ghilotti Construction Company is currently working on finishing the Moraga Way and Canyon Road/Camino Pablo Improvement project. The contractor was delayed in finishing this project, as the crosswalk safety beacons, and solar powered street lights are custom ordered items with very long manufacturing and delivery time. These items are now being installed. Additionally, the contractor cancelled the scheduled March 13, 2020 additional pavement overlay and repair of malfunctioning traffic signal loops work along the north bound lanes of Moraga Way.



### **LIBRARY COMMISSIONER**

Moraga needs a volunteer to serve on the Library Commission. The Commission is organized under the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and was created to serve in an advisory capacity; provide a community linkage; establish a forum for the community to express its views regarding the goals and operations of the County Library; assist the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian to provide library services based on assessed public need; and develop and recommend proposals to the Board of Supervisors and County Library. For more information, visit [Library Commission](#). If interested in applying, complete an [application packet](#) and submit it to the Town Clerk, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to [Town Clerk](#).



### **UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS**

Monday, March 16 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, March 17 – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Thursday, March 19, 5:30 pm – [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#), Council Chambers

Thursday, March 19 – Lamorinda Joint Council, **POSTPONED**

Wednesday, March 25, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

The Town Council Chambers are located at [335 Rheem Boulevard, Moraga, CA 94556](#).

The Hacienda de las Flores is located at [2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556](#).

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